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### GIRDLES THE GLOBE

IS WHAT OUR NEWS SUMMARY DOES.

### THE MARIA TERESA

NO NECESSITY FOR ABANDONING THE SPANIARD.

An Investigation Will in all Probability Result in the Court-martial of Somebody—Officers Criticized by Navigators—Other Items.

#### Court-martial Probable.

According to stories of the officers and men of the Leonidas, which brought captured guns from Spanish warships, the inquiry into the abandonment of the Maria Teresa will in all probability result in a court-martial to somebody. They are nearly unanimous in saying that there was not the slightest necessity for abandoning the Spanish cruiser. Before the ships left Guantanamo Lieut. Commander Harris, who represented the navy on the Maria Teresa, arranged to show the flag on the mainmast in case he wished to confer at short range with the Leonidas. It appears that Commander Moore of the Leonidas was the senior officer of the fleet and should have assumed the responsibility. They apparently declined to do, leaving Lieut. Commander Harris on the Maria Teresa to exercise his own judgment, although the cruiser was really under command of Capt. Crittenden of the wrecking company.

Harris was a volunteer officer, while Moore belonged to the regular service, and it is hinted that the latter officer purposely kept out of the way to avoid responsibility and fix the blame upon the volunteer officer.

However this may be, some of the officers of the fleet say that a great mistake was made in attempting to make a direct course northward in the open sea. These were the original instructions of Capt. Chester of the Cincinnati when the little fleet left Guantanamo. Experienced navigators say that Capt. Chester was seriously at fault in sending a half wrecked ship northward in the open sea through Crooked Passage, and they also blame Commander Moore, first for not having exercised the usual discretion and taken a route under the lee of the island, and secondly for not having turned back promptly and assumed responsibility for the abandonment of the Maria Teresa.

With all these facts before it the court of inquiry can scarcely do less than order the court-martial of Capt. Chester, Commander Moore and Lieut. Commander Harris.

#### CHEERED THE MURDERER.

Judge Finds Him Justified and the Crowd Approves It.

County Judge More of Frankfort, Ky., has dismissed the murder charge against Sergeant Perkins, who killed his son-in-law, J. W. Newton, Thursday night. County Attorney Pollock made the statement that proof showed Newton betrayed his wife before marriage and recently betrayed her young sister. Pollock said he would not prosecute any man under similar circumstances. The crowd in the court room cheered the attorney when he made his statement and this broke into wild applause when Judge More said the case was plainly justifiable homicide, and told Perkins to go to his family a free man.

#### OUR COLONIAL POLICY.

Sugar and Tobacco Interest Will Try to Control It.

Henry T. Oxnard, president of the American Beet Sugar Producers' Association, has made a statement showing that a concerted action is being planned by the beet sugar and tobacco producers of the United States regarding the colonial policy of the United States. They will ask President McKinley and congress to establish protective rates against the importation of goods from the Philippines and elsewhere, so that home producers will at least have the advantage of being on a par with the cheap labor, soil and climatic conditions of the newly acquired territory.

#### Threw Herself From a Train.

Ira Aroa, 23 years of age, threw herself through the window of the Houston express, on the Michigan Central Railroad, when the train was a short distance from Columbiaville, Mich. She was insane and was being deported to Finland in accordance with the immigration law, she having resided here less than a year. Immigration Inspector Williams and the matron of the Sault Ste. Marie custom house had the girl in charge.

#### Fire at Canyon City, Ore.

At 11 o'clock Saturday night fire was discovered in the Elkhorn hotel at Canyon City, Grant County, Ore., and within two hours the entire business portion and a number of residences were reduced to ashes. The buildings were mostly frame, and the fire made rapid progress. The conflagration was due to the explosion of a lamp. The loss will exceed \$100,000, insurance not obtainable. In August, 1890, Canyon City was entirely destroyed by fire.

#### Concedes All Demands.

The Chicago-Virden Coal Company has conceded all the demands of the miners and the shaft is expected to open in a few days.

### BLOOD IS SHED.

Whites and Blacks Have Mix-up in North Carolina.

The negroes at Wilmington, N. C., not having complied with the demands of the business men of that city by 7:30 Thursday morning, the time fixed, 600 armed whites assembled at Market and Fifth streets and at 8:30 marched to the office of the Daily Record, a negro newspaper, and destroyed all the material found in the building. The building took fire but some assert that this was accidental. The building was almost totally destroyed. Thursday's action was the sequel of Wednesday's meeting and that of a committee of twenty-five at which the negroes were given until Thursday morning to return an answer to the demand for the removal of the press and the cessation of the publication of the Record. Editor Manley has fled.

Serious trouble occurred about noon in the Fifth ward of Wilmington. Three white men were wounded and eight negroes were killed.

#### LEAVES CAUSE A WRECK.

Two Passenger Trains Collide Head-on in Pennsylvania.

Two heavy passenger trains, one a double header, collided head-on near Wilkesbarre, Pa., Saturday morning, causing a frightful wreck and blocking the road. The smashup was on a curve in a cut, caused by the inability of the engineer of the westbound train, who was under orders to take a siding, to make the brakes operate. The passengers who were all asleep, were badly shaken up and some were thrown out of their berths, but none were seriously injured. Five train men were killed and four injured. It appears the storm Friday night caused the leaves to accumulate on the track. As the train plowed through them they clogged the brakes.

#### TIN PLATE WORKS COMBINE

Capital of Fifty Millions Is Already Subscribed.

According to a Chicago financial news bureau, the consolidation of the tin plate industry of the United States is now practically assured. The Chicago promoters say that \$50,000,000 of capital stock has already been over subscribed. Between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 was underwritten in Chicago and applications made for \$50,000,000 more. The organizers have figures showing that the output of the tin industry this year is 8,000,000 boxes and a low estimate places the product of next year at about 9,000,000 boxes.

#### WILL WELCOME SOVEREIGNTY

Porto Ricans Are Satisfied with American Institutions.

The United States special commissioner, Carroll, sailed on Friday from San Juan for New York by the steamer Caracas. He will prepare and present to President McKinley his preliminary report as to Porto Rican conditions and needs. The Porto Ricans, he asserts, are all gratified at the change of sovereignty and look forward with intense eagerness to the establishment of American institutions in Porto Rico.

#### Investigating Virden Riot.

A special from Carlinville, Ill., says the grand jury met in special session Friday and began the investigation of the miners' riot in Virden. Eighteen miners and business men from Virden were examined. Sixty witnesses have been subpoenaed and a large number of extra subpoenas have been issued. From all indications the prosecution is to be a vigorous one and indictments probably will be returned against all who participated in the affair.

#### For the Love of Mathilde.

Norman Cole shot and instantly killed Mathilde Lavigne at Montreal, then turned the revolver on himself and sent a bullet through his brain. The murder and suicide took place in a little candy store kept by the young woman's mother. Cole left a letter stating that he intended to kill himself for love of Mathilde Lavigne.

#### Heavy Shortage in Beet Crop.

Consul Britton at Nantes has made a report to the state department in regard to the beet sugar cultivation in Europe, from which it appears that the total estimate of the crop of the present season will fall \$75,000 tons short of the production of raw sugar for last season. Holland is the only country in which an increase is shown.

#### Tin Plate Works Destroyed.

An overturned kettle of grease caused fire in the Great Western Tin Plate Company's mill at Joliet, Ill., Friday. Owing to the heavy wind the plant was in ashes in half an hour. The plant employed 275 skilled workmen. Loss, \$123,000; insurance, \$47,000. The plant was considered one of the finest in the United States.

#### Fatal Fire at Hanover, Mass.

A fire, followed by an explosion in the store of C. A. Stearns, at Hanover, Mass., blew out the sides of the building and killed Michael Sylvester, Edgar Adams, C. A. Peterson and C. A. Talman, and injured a dozen others, including Stearns, the proprietor.

#### Bank for the New Province.

A Chicago capitalist who is interested in the enterprise, states that a new bank will open for business in Honolulu about January 1 with a capital stock of \$800,000 and power to increase it to \$3,000,000. It will not be national but organized under the laws of Hawaii.

#### Large Department Store Burned.

The large department store of J. W. Stewart at San Antonio, Texas, was destroyed by fire Saturday. Loss, \$150,000; insurance, \$40,000.

### MINNESOTA TRAIN ROBBERY

Masked Men Hold Up a Great Western Passenger.

The Great Western through train which passes through Fergus Falls, Minn., at 7:30 p. m., was held up and robbed about five miles west of that place Thursday night. There were eight robbers in the gang, all well armed. Two of them evidently boarded the blind baggage at Fergus Falls. The train was scarcely out of town when these two climbed over the tender and presenting revolvers, told Engineer Brace and his fireman to stop at a lonely spot near the Pelican River bridge. Arriving at this place the train was stopped and the engineer and fireman were ordered to leave the cab. The other members of the gang rushed from the woods and boarded the express car. All wore handkerchiefs over their faces. The gang was regularly organized and went by numbers. They compelled the express messenger to leave the car, and while three or four stood guard, the others proceeded to blow the safe. The local safe was destroyed, and it is thought that they succeeded in securing considerable money, but the exact amount cannot be learned. The through safe was drilled and dynamited, but it was impossible to reach the inner part and get at the cash. They worked over it nearly two hours, holding the train for that length of time, but gave up finally and joining their companions on the outside, started south. The two men who stood guard over the engineer compelled him to give up \$20 which he had upon his person. The facts were wired to railroad headquarters and telegrams were sent to all towns in the vicinity requesting the authorities to send pos-es in pursuit of the highwaymen, which was done.

#### SEEMS TO BE THE ROBBERS.

Men Who Held up Minnesota Train Under Arrest.

Six of the men supposed to have been engaged in the holdup of the Great Northern coast train near Fergus Falls were captured at Moorhead, Minn., Friday morning by Chief of Police Murphy. Four arrived at the Exchange Hotel at 5 a. m., and two others came in about an hour later and inquired for the first four. Each had large revolvers. Two sets of burglar tools, two dark lanterns, three sticks of dynamite and four dynamite caps were found on them. Each man had three handkerchiefs. The six had about \$200. There seems no doubt they are the men implicated.

A dispatch from Fergus Falls Friday night says: "Searchers for the missing highwaymen who robbed the west bound coast train on the Great Northern near that city, has continued all day and is still in progress, but no trace of the bandits has been found."

#### Magistrate Steps Out.

A special from Madison, Wis., says: Associate Justice Silas Pinney of the state supreme court handed in his resignation to Gov. Schofield Thursday. It is understood that Justice Pinney has contemplated the step for some time. It is said his resignation was brought about on account of ill health.

#### Sailors for Manila Desert.

The cruiser Buffalo, Commander J. N. Hemphill, which left New York a few days ago for Manila, put in at Newport, R. I., Wednesday night to await orders. It had on board about 700 men for the ships of Admiral Dewey's fleet, but a considerable number deserted after the ship left New York.

#### Strike at Dallas, Texas.

The lines of the Consolidated Electric Street Car Company at Dallas, Texas, are tied up by a strike to enforce the reinstatement of discharged motormen.

#### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 65c to 66c; corn, No. 2, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 52c; butter, choice creamery, 21c to 22c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 19c; potatoes, choice, 28c to 35c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 66c to 67c; corn, No. 2 white, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 69c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 53c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 67c to 68c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 58c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.25 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 69c to 70c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 29c; rye, 52c to 54c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 69c to 71c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 54c; clover seed, new, \$4.65 to \$4.75.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 3, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 28c; rye, No. 1, 51c to 53c; barley, No. 2, 40c to 48c; pork, mess, \$7.75 to \$8.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, common to choice, \$3.50 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, wethers, \$2.50 to \$5.00; lambs, common to extra, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 75c to 77c; corn, No. 2, 30c to 40c; oats, No. 2, 29c to 30c; butter, creamery, 16c to 24c; eggs, Western, 22c to 24c.

### POYNTER IS ELECTED

BOTH SIDES CLAIM THE LEGISLATURE.

Each Party Is Claiming Fraud on the Part of the Other—Fusionists Elect Four Congressmen and Republicans Two.

#### Poynter Is Elected.

Complete returns show that the fusion candidate for governor has been elected. The Republicans concede this. Both sides claim the legislature, each claiming fraud on the part of the other. The Republican managers assert the national silver organization is dipping into the fight in order to save the legislature for a silver senator, while the fusion forces are vigorously charging the reverse, and declare that agents from Washington have arrived in the state with big bags of money for distribution where it will do the most good. The legislative districts in which the contests have occurred are being so confused by charges and counter charges of frauds and claims of ballot manipulation that it is most difficult to get at the truth.

The Bee, Republican organ, says the legislature is Republican without a doubt by a safe vote on joint ballot, the Republicans having 21 senators and the fusionists 12, while in the lower house the Republicans have 52 members while the fusionists have 48, the body on joint ballot thus consisting of 73 Republicans and 60 fusionists. The last legislature was two-thirds fusionist.

The World-Herald, silver fusion, says: "The fusionists have carried the legislature by a safe majority, but the Republican managers are trying to steal the state, though having now conceded the entire ticket to the fusionists as far as congressmen, on joint ballot the silver men have six plurality, and will organize both houses. All we have to do is to prevent the Republicans stealing the legislature outright, which is being attempted. Ohio methods may prevail in Ohio, but not in Nebraska."

This was the situation Monday, and it looks as if it will not be changed until after the legislature convenes and an effort is made to organize along the lines claimed by both parties. Each side is contesting enough of the opposition candidates to give them the legislature if their contentions can be maintained. As to who is in the right cannot be determined until an official count is made, because the districts are so close that ten and fifteen votes only is the difference between the two candidates. Thus a claim of a few votes improperly counted leaves a very clear contest case. For instance, Strable and Schaeble, Republican candidates for the legislature in Richardson County, have been given their certificates, though both are contested by the opposition. The face of the returns in such cases is arranged according to the political sympathies of the county clerk, and therefore little can be determined by the certificate of election. In the Fifteenth, Twenty-first, Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-eighth the fusion nominees have their certificates but are being contested. The same is true in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth, except in these the contests are filed by the other fellows.

For congress the state delegation stands: First—E. J. Burkett, Republican. Second—David Mercer, Republican. Third—John Robinson, fusion. Fourth—W. L. Stark, fusion. Fifth—R. D. Sutherland, fusion. Sixth—W. L. Greene, fusion.

Following is tabulated returns on the vote for governor by counties:

County.	Hayward.	Poynter.
Adams.....	1,851	1,837
Antelope.....	921	1,150
Blaine.....	72	38
Boone.....	1,149	1,291
Box Butte.....	400	378
Boyd.....	369	454
Brown.....	388	278
Buffalo.....	1,658	1,966
Burt.....	1,479	1,154
Butler.....	1,279	1,791
Cuming.....	1,076	1,455
Chase.....	223	244
Cherry.....	592	612
Cedar.....	817	1,098
Cass.....	2,394	2,172
Cheyenne.....	1,561	1,548
Clay.....	622	989
Colfax.....	1,321	1,677
Conkling.....	281	175
Denel.....	513	553
Dakota.....	606	597
Dawson.....	1,210	1,272
Dixon.....	887	879
Dodge.....	1,790	1,693
Douglas.....	9,494	8,752
Dundy.....	264	270
Fillmore.....	1,638	1,732
Franklin.....	891	989
Frontier.....	555	659
Furnas.....	1,186	1,238
Grant.....	64	65
Gage.....	3,234	2,917
Garfield.....	161	219
Gasper.....	299	461
Greeley.....	314	696
Hall.....	1,797	1,535
Hayes.....	251	26
Hooker.....	8	21
Howard.....	692	1,054
Hamilton.....	1,259	1,447
Harlan.....	786	1,431
Hitchcock.....	412	485
Holt.....	774	1,110
Jefferson.....	1,639	1,579
Johnson.....	1,447	1,691
Kearney.....	925	1,099
Keith.....	105	214
Keya Paha.....	215	273
Kimball.....	73	42
Knox.....	1,250	1,559
Lancaster.....	5,539	4,427
Madison.....	28	28
Merrick.....	967	920
Nance.....	711	748
Nemaha.....	1,559	1,569
Nuckolls.....	1,148	1,334
Otoe.....	2,234	2,047
Pawnee.....	1,466	1,033
Perkins.....	129	181
Pierce.....	516	670
Platte.....	1,108	1,565
Polk.....	876	1,005

### RIOT AT WILMINGTON

NINE NEGROES ARE KILLED BY WHITES.

The North Carolina City the Scene of Bloodshed—White Citizens Overthrow the Former Government and Are in Control.

#### Thursday Was One of Terror in Wilmington, N. C.

The white men of the city, infuriated by past acts of lawlessness of the negroes, took the law in their own hands and wreaked terrible vengeance. The result, it is reported, is that sixteen negroes have been killed.

Shortly after the negro newspaper office, the Record, was burned, the negroes commenced to display a disposition to create trouble. They began to gather in one of their thickly populated sections of the city, and assumed a threatening attitude toward the whites. One mob fired upon a small number of white men, seriously wounding one and slightly injuring two others. The whites returned the fire with a deadly volley, killing four negroes.

As soon as the news of the shooting became known the whites, infuriated and utterly beyond the control of their leaders, rushed in large numbers to the scene and engaged the negroes, killed four of them. One military company and a division of the naval reserves, carrying with them two rapid-fire guns, also repaired to the scene, where they stood guard during the night.

#### Riddled with Bullets.

In the meantime the body of whites had instituted a diligent search for the leader of the mob that started the riot. The negro was finally found secreted in a house. He was taken out and told to run for his life. He started off, but only advanced a few yards before his body was riddled with bullets. Next a negro named Tom Miller, and a white man, both of whom had taken a prominent part in inciting the negroes to riot, were sought for and placed in jail. Five other negroes were also incarcerated and several banished from the city. Sixteen negroes have been reported killed and quite a number wounded.

#### The Board of Aldermen (colored) who have governed the affairs of the city for nearly two years agreed to accede to the demand made upon them by the mass meeting of citizens to vacate their offices.

Consequently they, including the Mayor, resigned and their places were filled by white taxpayers. A. M. Waddell, ex-congressman, was elected Mayor. The new Board of Aldermen instructed the Mayor in view of the turbulent state of affairs existing in the community, to swear in 300 extra policemen. This was done, 250 being on foot, twenty-five on horseback, and twenty-five bicyclists. All are whites.

#### HOLD UP A TRAIN.

Eight Robbers Blow Open a Safe on Great Northern Express.

The Great Northern through train was held up and robbed five miles west of Fergus Falls, Minn., Thursday night. There were eight robbers in the gang, all well armed. Two of them evidently boarded the blind baggage in the city.

The train was scarcely out of town when these two climbed over the tender, and, presenting revolvers, told Engineer Brace and his fireman to stop at a lonely spot near the Pelican river bridge. Arriving at this place, the train was stopped and the engineer and fireman were ordered to leave the cab. The other members of the gang rushed from the woods and boarded the express car. All wore handkerchiefs over their faces. The gang was regularly organized and went by numbers. When the train stopped the conductor and brakeman started forward to find out what caused the delay, but the bandits fired a number of shots and warned them to keep back. They then compelled the express messenger to leave the car, and while three or four stood guard the others proceeded to blow open the safe.

The local safe was destroyed and it is thought that they succeeded in securing considerable money, but the exact amount cannot be learned. The through safe was drilled and partly blown open with dynamite, four charges being used. The jacket was blown off, but it was found impossible to reach the inner part and get at the money. The men worked over it nearly two hours, holding the train for that length of time, but finally gave up the attempt, and, joining their companions on the outside, started south.

The facts were wired to railroad headquarters and telegrams were sent to all towns in the vicinity, requesting the authorities to send pos-es in pursuit of the highwaymen.

#### BRAKES CLOGGED BY LEAVES.

Five Men Killed in a Collision Between Express Train and Passenger.

The Buffalo express on the Lehigh Valley Railroad ran into the New York and Philadelphia express, going east on Wilkesbarre Mountain, at 3 o'clock Friday morning. Five trainmen were killed. The train going east had the right of way on a single track. The Buffalo express had orders to stop on a siding on the mountain and let the New York express pass. As the engineer approached the siding he discovered that the air brakes would not work. The train was moving about thirty miles an hour down a grade. The engineer whistled frantically for the hand brakes and reversed his engine, but could not avert the collision. In less than a minute the express from the west, drawn by two heavy engines, hove in sight. A terrible crash followed on a curve in a deep cut. Nearly all the passengers on both trains were asleep. Many of these were thrown out of their berths by the shock, but none was severely injured.

An investigation showed that a heavy windstorm prevailed on the mountain, which caused the leaves from the forest to accumulate on the track. The engines plowed into these leaves, which clogged the braking apparatus.

Mrs. Donie De Souders, wife of a farmer living south of Ashland, while on her return home from town was shot in the face by an air gun in the hands of a small boy. The ball struck near the side of her nose and glanced, lodging under her eye, where the surgeon could not reach it with a probe. The accident is a serious one.

#### York Remembers Its Sons.

One hundred and thirty boxes filled with books, magazines, clothing, eatables, soap and toilet articles were shipped by the citizens of York and vicinity to Company A, First Nebraska volunteers, whose members are from York. On the outside of the boxes was painted, "Merry Christmas, from York, Neb."

#### Supposed Burglar in the Toils.

George Thomas, colored, was placed under arrest at Nebraska City, charged with committing a burglary at the law office of John A. Rooney. Entrance was effected through the transom. The safe was opened and a gold watch, diamond ring and some money and valuable papers were taken.

Punctuality is the stern virtue of men of business, and the graceful courtesy of princes.—Bulwer.